

appreciate these recent songs for what they are either knows nothing about music or nothing about David Cassidy—or doesn't want to! After all, it's always easier to slag someone than to take a long, honest look at their work and appraise it properly.

But the point is not to just slag someone, it's to see that the most honest and truest version comes to light.

How can anyone be so ridiculous as to print that David is "at least 25"? To put the facts straight, David is 23. He was born on April 12th, 1950, but even if he was born on April 12th, 1948—which would make him 25—what difference would it make? Why is it necessary to distort the facts when the truth is what

everyone wants?

And just to make things worse, so what if David was on the cover of "Gay News", twice or five times. As this magazine knows only too well, a magazine is entitled to put anyone on its cover that it wants to.

HURTFUL

The case is clear: it's just a cheap insinuation that would be hurtful if it wasn't so completely stupid. If they had only stopped here, the magazine would have done quite enough. But instead, they have continued to get at David through some of his friends.

First of all, they insult Dave Bridger. Of David's best British friend, the magazine has written, "Touted as David Cassidy's

'pal'. In fact, employee of Bell Records; responsibilities: fan frenzy and its press coverage."

There is so much here that it is ridiculous that we hardly know where to begin, so we might as well start at the beginning. Dave Bridger, as we have pointed out before, really is a friend of David Cassidy. In fact, many of you may have seen a colour photograph of Dave Bridger with David.

The photo was taken on a beach, and there is a long pier in the background. Well, that pic was taken in California, when Dave went over last year with a BBC film unit to film David (C.!) at home.

And the reason why Dave went, courtesy of the Beeb, was to see that David would



The girl with him was a member of the cast.

make sure and fit time into his schedule for the filming. You see, they knew that if Dave was along, David would make time!

Dave has been along with David on all his visits to this country, and just because Dave Bridger works for Bell is no sign that the two Davids aren't friends. It's just lucky that two guys who get along so well happen to have been able to meet, even if it was professionally.

And as for Dave's responsibilities including fan frenzy and its press coverage. RUBBISH! If anyone has done more than Dave to avoid the crowds and try to insure that David Cassidy's comings and goings are secret, I would be very, very surprised indeed.

Of course, part of his job is to see that the press are informed about D.C., but then every company has someone to see that the press is informed... only Dave is especially lucky, because who wouldn't want a job where they could tell people about their friends?

FREEDOM

Well, fair enough, you may say. The press is allowed a great deal of freedom, and no one wants to deny them the right to say what they believe.

And, after all, no one who really likes David will believe things like that, especially since most of his devoted fans know more about David than any journalist who would write rubbish.

But that's not the point, the point is that the people who read articles like that will *not* know the facts, and they may well believe any exaggerated account.

As we said before, everyone is entitled to their own belief, and indeed, every magazine is entitled to their own way of looking at things. There are a thousand ways of looking at anything, and many of them are equally valid. But the first, and most important point is that any judgement should be based on the truth.

No one does anyone a favour by refusing to look at the facts, they only create useless confusion. As soon as people realise that, it will be a better world.



It's not all hard work on the set. David also gets a chance to relax and chat.